



Proclamation

In Recognition of

National Parent Leadership Month

WHEREAS, children look to their parents in creating a safe and caring home for the family; and

WHEREAS, children can develop into leaders and accomplished members of society with responsible and caring parents as their role models; and

WHEREAS, parents have vital leadership and mentoring roles in their homes and communities and in state, national, and international arenas; and

WHEREAS, parent leadership is an essential and effective means of strengthening families, preventing child abuse and neglect, and connecting communities; and

WHEREAS, meaningful parent leadership occurs when parents gain the knowledge and skills necessary to function in leadership roles and present a "parent voice" to help shape the direction of their families, programs and communities; and

WHEREAS, parents who take on leadership roles expand their own strengths and abilities to develop and implement plans to reach specific goals; and

WHEREAS, parent leaders who share their experiences and knowledge help to build resiliency in other parents, children and youth, foster well-being, and improve lives for a better future; and

WHEREAS, National Parent Leadership Month highlights the many opportunities available for parents, professionals, policymakers and other community members to engage in partnership with the goal of building and supporting strong and safe families;

THEREFORE I, DAVID Y. IGE, Governor, and I, SHAN S. TSUTSUI, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim February 2018 as

"PARENT LEADERSHIP MONTH"

in Hawai'i and ask the people of the Aloha State to join us in honoring and celebrating parent leaders within our communities, as well as encourage others to develop their potential to become parent leaders.

DONE at the State Capitol, in Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this twenty-third day of January 2018.

DAVID Y. IGE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

SHAN S. TSUTSUI
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i